need for restricting new tea/fruit stalls, etc. at these stations and to make suitable suggestions. The Sub-Committee has invited Passenger Associations on various Railways, individual passengers, commuters and users of Railway travel facilities at suburban stations of the metropolitan cities to forward their suggestions/views for reducing the congestion and to allow free movement of passengers on the platforms at these stations.

(d) and (e) The existing instructions stipulate availablility of Sleeper Coach TTEs at coaches to be manned by them half an hour before the scheduled departure of the trains at train starting stations. In case he joins the train enroute he is requested to report 15 minutes before the scheduled arrival of the train to guide the passengers to their respective berths and coaches. There is no proposal to increase the time limit for reporting of the TTEs as the existing arrangement is considered adequate.

Loss incurred by IOC due to poor port facility

1156. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press news-item captioned "poor port facilities cost IOC $ 10 million a month" as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated the 6th July, 1995;

(b) if so, whether due to poor port facilities IOC has been losing millions of rupees per month;

(c) whether his Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Surface Transport have chalked out plans to improve port facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Scheme of 'your home, your telephone, your wiring' in Madras

1157. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme of your home, your telephone, your wiring was introduced in Madras;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this scheme;

(c) whether private wiring contractors are being licensed to do internal wiring; and

(d) on what considerations the telephone subscribers are not allowed to choose their own wiring contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The policy on customer premises equipment for new telephone connection is to be implemented w.e.f. 1.9.95 in four metro districts of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) the salient features of the scheme are given below:

(1) Subscriber shall be responsible for providing his telephone instrument, internal wiring, its installation and its maintenance;

(2) Department will provide a Line Jack Unit (LJU) inside the subscriber's premises on which external line provided by the department and internal wiring of the subscriber shall be terminated.